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RESTRICTION RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 14, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II, Claim 22 (now claims 24-42) (drawn to a method for treatment of diseases caused by activation of immunocompetent cells, characterized in administering the therapeutic agent comprising an antibody to osteopontin or peptide fragment thereof), for examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.